

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP

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PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS WORKGROUP

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MEETING NOTES

WELCOME

Torney Smith, Susan Ramsey

The Co-Chairs Torney Smith and Susan Ramsey welcomed participants to this workgroup meeting.

BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

Susan Ramsey

Susan gave a brief background to the past standards work. She also added that the Performance Management Centers for Excellence are offering trainings on the topics of quality improvement tools, community health assessments, community health improvement plans, preparing for accreditation and strategic planning.

DEVELOPING LIMITED SET OF PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

Torney Smith

One of the 2011 standards recommendations adopted by the Public Health Improvement Partnership (PHIP) was the option to develop and adopt a second set of standards similar to the 2011 Basic Set, but with a sunset clause. This set will allow options to jurisdictions.

It doesn't appear that PHAB will be offering a limited set of public health standards for smaller local health departments. The group agreed to use the PHAB version 1 to choose from in order to develop the limited set. Partial measures will not be developed, for example if three examples are required to demonstrate a standard, if the standard is included in the new limited set it would still require three examples.



Elaine Conley asked how this limited set will fit in with the work that the Minimum Set of Public Health Services is doing. Torney responded that the funding work is from the Institute of Medicine (IOM), not really PHAB related. PHAB is more process oriented, funding is more program oriented.

It was suggested that a subgroup of this work group form to identify a new limited set of standards based on PHAB version 1. External participants could join this subgroup. Torney will approach WSALPHO for additional participants and follow up with Brad Banks. He will also ask the jurisdictions who used the basic set in 2010–2011 if they would like to participate in this process. Torney will chair and Jane will staff this subgroup.

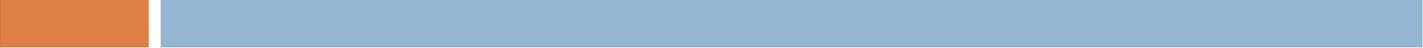
Volunteers were solicited for the new Limited Set subgroup. This group will meet 3 or 4 times this fall and may regroup prior to the 2015 Washington State Standards Performance Review to make sure the limited set is aligned with the most current PHAB standards.

PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS COORDINATORS SUBGROUP

Susan Ramsey

Susan spoke about the CDC grant application to support the three Performance Management Centers for Excellence. One new task is to form a public health standards/accreditation coordinators subgroup. The purpose of this subgroup is to use cross-jurisdictional sharing of best practices to build capacity among public health agencies in Washington to demonstrate public health standards, conduct quality improvement, and achieve national accreditation.

This cross-jurisdictional subgroup is launching as health departments across the country are beginning to submit applications to the Public Health Accreditation Board. This new initiative is important to assuring that health departments continue to develop capacity to apply quality improvement frameworks and tools to transform their organizations and address public health needs. Volunteers were solicited for this subgroup. This subgroup will meet quarterly and be staffed by the DOH Performance Management Center for Excellence. Some member travel will be reimbursed by the grant. Their work will include coordinating on topics, inviting guest speakers, performing mock reviews, selecting exemplary practices, share strategic planning, community health assessment, quality improvement materials. This subgroup will be chaired by Susan Ramsey.



UPDATING WASHINGTON'S EXEMPLARY PRACTICES TO ALIGN WITH CURRENT PHAB STANDARDS NUMBERING STRUCTURE

Susan Ramsey

The purpose of this subgroup will be to review and update the numbering in the 2011 exemplary practices compendium so it aligns with the PHAB version 1.0 standards numbering structure. Many health departments are looking at our past exemplary practices and having difficulty aligning the documentation with the PHAB version 1.0 standards. Volunteers were solicited for this subgroup. This subgroup will have a very brief timeline and will be chaired and staffed by Susan Ramsey.

NEXT MEETING

The next workgroup meeting will take place in the early fall, date TBA. The three subgroups will also begin their meetings in the fall.